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In re Application

Inventor(s): Morales, et al.

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OF SEMICONDUCTOR FILMS

PATENT APPLICATION

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PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.136

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

In the Office Action dated December 3, 2001, a shortened period for response was set to expire on January 3, 2002.

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a), Applicants hereby petition the Commissioner for an extension of time for responding to the Office Action up to and including February 3, 2002.

____ Applicant hereby claims small entity status.

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The amount of the petition fee set by 37 C.F.R. §1.17 is determined as follows:

| <u>Fee (Large Entity/Small Entity)</u> | <u>Extended Month</u> |
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| <u> X </u> \$110.00/\$55.00 | First |
| <u> </u> \$400.00/\$200.00 | Second |
| <u> </u> \$920.00/\$460.00 | Third |
| <u> </u> \$1,440.00/\$720.00 | Fourth |
| <u> </u> \$1,960.00/\$980.00 | Fifth |

TOTAL PETITION FEE \$ 110.00

The other papers enclosed or associated with this communication include:

- A reply to the Office Action was previously filed on .
- X A reply to the Office Action is filed herewith.
- A reply will be filed subsequently.
- A continuation application is filed herewith.
- A divisional application is filed herewith.
- A continuation-in-part application is filed herewith.
- A continued prosecution application is filed herewith.
- A Request for Continued Examination is filed herewith.
- "Small Entity" status for this application has previously been established.
- Other: _____

The Commissioner is authorized to charge any underpayment or credit any overpayment associated with this communication to Deposit Account No. 06-1325. A duplicate copy of this authorization is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

Date: Jan. 11, 2002

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